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SUBJ: 28TH GA--PLENARY'S REVIEW OF REMAINING THIRD COMMITTEE
ITEMS

1. SUMMARY. GA COMPLETED ITS CONSIDERATION OF ALL REMAINING
THIRD COMITE ITEMS IN UNEVENTFUL SESSION DEC 14. US REP
(BUCKLEY) SPOKE ON CREATION OF POST OF HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION. ON FORMER ITEM
US CHANGED VOTE FROM ABSTENTION TO YES; OTHERWISE, US VOTED AS
IN COMITE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN FAST-MOVING BUT UNEVENTFUL MORNING SESSION FRIDAY,
DEC 14 GA REVIEWED 18 DRAFT RESES AND RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED
BY THIRD COMITE AND DISPOSED OF THEM AS FOLLOWS. THERE
WERE NO NEW RESES OR AMENDMENTS AND THE ONE OUTSTANDING
AMENDMENT WAS WITHDRAWN BEFORE SESSION OPENED. ONLY SURPRISE
WAS SUDDEN UNCOORDINATED MOTION BY TUNIS TO DEFER CONSIDERATION
OF DISASTER RELIEF ITEM AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

3. ITEM 53, REPORT OF COMITE ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,
ADOPTED 113-0-11(US).

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ITEM 53, STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ELIMINATION

OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

ITEM 57, CREATION OF POST OF UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ADOPTED 105(US)-0-23 (RECORDED VOTE). US ABSTAINED ON THIS RES IN THIRD COMITE WHEN THERE WAS ALTERNATIVE DRAFT RES BEFORE THAT COMITE WHICH WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED. HOWEVER, US REP VOTED FOR RES IN PLENARY SINCE THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE AND THIS RES WILL AT LEAST KEEP ISSUE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER AND MORE EFFECTIVE HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY ALIVE. MOREOVER, BY VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY US DEL DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM SOVIET BLOC AND CERTAIN OTHERS WHICH ABSTAINED PRECISELY BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT TO KEEP THESE ISSUES ALIVE. US PUBLIC MEMBER BUCKLEY SPOKE IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE VOTE, LEAVING WESTERN EUROPEANS (WES) ALL SMILES AND VOSIETS LOOKING GLUM AND SLIGHTLY CONFUSED.

ITEM 58, QUESTION OF ELDERLY AND AGED. BOTH DRAFT RESES ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

ITEM 61, CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL. RES ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 62, WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION OF YOUTH. BOTH RESES ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 64, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION. RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. US REP BUCKLEY SPOKE DEPLORING UNWILLINGNESS OF MAJORITY TO ALLOW TIME FOR DEBATE ON FREEDOM OF INFO WHICH HE TERMED ESSENTIAL TO MAINTENANCE OF OTHER FREEDOMS.

ITEM 65, STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS. RES ADOPTED 125(US)-0-1(ZAMBIA). ABSTENTION MAY HAVE BEEN ACCIDENTAL.

ITEM 66, MEASURES AGAINST IDEOLOGIES BASED ON TERROR, DISCRIMINATION OR GROUP HATRED. RECOMMENDATION APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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ITEM 67, REPORT OF HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES. RES ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

ITEM 68, ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTER. TUNISIAN REP (AMB DRISS) REQUESTED THAT VOTE ON THIS NON-CONTROVERSIAL ITEM BE DEFERRED AND, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD NOT EXPLAIN WHY, ASSEMBLY AGREED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO ACCEDE TO HIS REQUEST. AT BEGINNING OF PM SESSION, HOWEVER,

TUNISIAN EXPLAINED THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD CONSIDERED MODIFYING RES SO AS TO INCLUDE REF TO TUNISIAN FLOODS, HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE THIS COURSE BUT DID WISH TO CALL ASSEMBLY'S ATTENTION TO HIS COUNTRY'S FLOOD PROBLEM. ASSEMBLY THEN ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION BOTH DRAFT RESES.

ITEM 12, REPORT OF ECOSOC. FOUR DRAFT RESES WERE ADOPTED UNDER THIS ITEM: RES I, HUMAN RIGHTS IN ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, ADOPTED* 107(US)-0-20. RES II, ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN FIELD OF NARCOTICS CONTROL, INTRODUCED BY AFGHANISTAN AND COSPONSORED BY US AND OTHERS, ADOPTED 118(US)-0-10, WITH ONLY SOVIET BLOC ABSTAINING. RES III, SUPPORT FOR AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, INTRODUCED BY US WITH* MANY COSPONSORS, ADOPTED 119(US)-0-10. RES IV, ACCESSION TO DRUG CONTROL TREATIES, ALSO INTRODUCED BY US WITH MANY COSPONSORS, ALSO ADOPTED 119(US)-0-10.

ITEM 63, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT. THREE RESES WERE ADOPTED UNDER THIS ITEM. RES I, PRESERVATION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL VALUES, INTRODUCED BY POLAND AND MODIFIED IN DEBATE, WAS ADOPTED 123(US)-0-5. ABSTAINERS INCLUDED UK, FRG, NETHERLANDS, WHO NOT SATISFIED WITH TONE OF RES.* RES II, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS, REQUESTING COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THIS SUBJECT, ADOPTED 118(US)-0-0. RES III, USE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERESTS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INTRODUCED BY BULGARIA AND DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, ADOPTED 112-0-17(US). BENNETT

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